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Dworshak offers spring recreation opportunities

ASHAKA, Idaho – Outdoor recreation enthusiasts can enjoy beautiful north Idaho at facilities operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir. The reservoir level is increasing every day and Bruces Eddy Ramp #1, Big Eddy and Dent Acres ramps are currently open.

Early season camping will begin at Dent Acres Campground on April 12. Site fees are \$10 per day by self-deposit registration. Regular season camping will start May 22 with full hook-up sites available for \$18 per night.

Reservations for the regular season can be made by calling (877) 444-6777, or make a reservation via the Internet at www.recreation.gov.

On April 1, those seeking a more primitive camping experience can visit Dam View and Canyon Creek where primitive camping is available at no charge. Recreation areas at Merrys Bay and Grandad are also scheduled to open April 1. As the reservoir level increases, additional boat ramps will become available. Please, call the Visitor Center for up-to-date information on available ramps.

The Big Eddy day use area offers attractions to young and old. Big Eddy amenities include a swim beach, playground, picnic shelters and barbecue grills. The Big Eddy hiking trail is open all the way to Dworshak State Park. Take a hike along the Big Eddy trail and have a picnic at one of several mini-camps along the way.

For a complete Dworshak recreation facilities schedule, contact the Visitor Center at (208) 476-1261.

Turkey hunting season is just around the corner. Hunting is allowed on all Corps property around the reservoir except in developed recreation areas. Be aware that ATV operation is prohibited off of designated roads, and behind gates or fences.

Please, follow all safety precautions while recreating in the forest during hunting season. When boating on the reservoir, remember that lake levels can change quickly. Always wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device and be aware of water temperatures and the associated risk of hypothermia. The weather may be warming up, but the water in Dworshak is still very cold from the Spring snowmelt and runoff.

For updated water level and boat ramp information, call (800) 321-3198. For more information regarding facilities access and current conditions, call (208) 476-1261, or stop by our Visitor Center, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.